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TO: Directors, Exceptional Children Programs
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FROM: William J. Hussey, Director ~~20074~~
Exceptional Children Division

**SUBJECT: Invitation to Co-Teaching Cadre Meeting September 7, 2016
Announcing the Co-Teaching for Administrators and Teachers Modules Release**

There has been tremendous interest expressed in the topic of co-teaching professional development. With contributions from a diverse, multi-disciplinary team, organized through the NC DPI Exceptional Children Division Program Improvement and Professional Development Section, and with a review of the literature on best practices, co-teaching modules for both administrators and teachers have been designed, developed and are ready for release to our LEAs. These modules are regularly offered during the EC Division summer institutes and consistently receive very positive feedback.

The EC Division invites you to select and send a strong general education and special education pair, two individuals, representing your LEA, to join us on September 7, 2016, from 9am-3:00pm at the DPI offices at 301 N Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC. (Lunch is on your own.) These individuals should attend the meeting with the goal of returning to the LEA to prepare to deliver this content to your staff. The EC Division also believes it is beneficial for the EC Director (or Administrative designee) to attend this meeting as well to assist in the planning and delivery of these modules at the local level. The purpose of the time together that day is to provide an overview of the module content and discuss the plan for your representatives to instruct adult learners within your LEA.

The co-teaching module design team developed both a participant and an instructor manual with prepared notes, resources, articles, and video links for both the administrator and teacher audiences. An overview of the matching online modules will also be shared during the meeting.

Please register your (3) chosen representatives who will provide this professional development in your LEA for this meeting by September 6, 2016, at the following link:

<https://coteachcadreseptember2016.eventbrite.com>

Questions may be directed to Paula H. Crawford (paula.crawford@dpi.nc.gov) or Melissa Towery (melissa.towery@dpi.nc.gov).

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